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MR. SPEAKER :—" 'Emigration' is a Central subject."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, emigration to Ceylon may be a different subject. But the question is about emigration to Ceylon because of the bad economic conditions in the State itself and what steps the Government have taken to stop such emigration."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The opinion of the Ceylon Government is a Central subject."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" No, the point to be noted here is the bad economic conditions in the State, especially in Tamil Nad."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It refers to the Ceylon Government having held a certain opinion."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Whether the reference is to Ceylon or not, the main point here is that the conditions in Tamil Nad are so bad that the people are unable to live here either because they have no work or otherwise, and are migrating from this place to another place. It may be that they are migrating to Ceylon, Africa or Malaya, but the fact is that they are migrating."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member who put the question laid great stress on the opinion expressed by the Ceylon Government. Hence the answer was that it should be put to the Union Government. But if it relates only to a question of economic conditions here and if we may ignore the reference to the Ceylon Government, then the answer is we are giving famine relief, and there is no need to put the question."

Price of paddy and rice in Malabar.

* 223 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the percentage of rise in the price of paddy and rice in Malabar after decontrol ; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken to supply at reasonable rate rice and paddy to the consumers till the next harvest ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Paddy prices are not reported. The prices of rice in the open market are fluctuating.

" (*b*) The Government are continuing informal rationing in Malabar district and 7 oz. of rice and 5 oz. of millets and/or wheat are being issued through ration shops in the district except in Palghat, Ernad and Walluvanad taluks where 6 ounces of rice and 6 ounces of millets and/or wheat are issued. Rice is supplied at the pool prices fixed by the Government, and wheat and milo at subsidized prices."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" According to the Malayalam paper 'Mathrubhumi', dated the 25th March 1953, the price of rice has increased by about 100 per cent since decontrol. The *Malabar*

District Gazette reports an increase of 61 per cent. In these circumstances and in view of the fact that the ration cards of most of the cultivators have been cancelled though the crops have failed, what action do the Government propose to take to relieve the agriculturists and consumers from this situation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This point was answered even during the Budget debate. As far as Malabar is concerned, we continue to supply 12 ounces of foodgrains partly in the form of rice and partly in the form of wheat or milo. Seven ounces of rice in certain areas and 6 ounces in certain other areas are supplied, the balance being in the form of wheat or milo. That being so, it is only the open market price that is fluctuating and that is bound to be."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" The question is that many cultivators have no ration cards now and what action do the Government propose to take supply them with foodgrains? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" About card-holders, if there is any difficulty, I am prepared to look into it."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" The question was about the price of rice and not about the quantity of rice. The price of rice supplied through ration shops has also gone up since decontrol. Will the Government explain the reason for it? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That was also explained during the Budget debate. We have fixed a pool price on a ' no loss, no profit ' basis with reference to the supplies we get from outside and also the prices we have got to pay."

8-50 a.m. SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Will it not be very peculiar if the fair price shops themselves begin to sell at an increased rate and hence will they not become open market shops instead of fair price shops? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Fair price is different from fixed price, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" What will happen if they go on increasing the price in this manner? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is fair both to the Government and to the people. That is the position."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" That is not the point, Sir. These fair price shops are intended to be for the benefit of the consumers. We hear that these shops themselves are increasing the prices at the present time. That being so, may I know whether the Government will take steps to see that these shops do not raise the prices? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The fair price shops have no right to raise the price. The Government fix the price in fairness to the people, to the producers, to the farmers and to themselves. If it is a question whether we

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should have a fixed price and control right through, I think the people of Malabar have not yet raised their voice so greatly in favour of reimposition of all controls."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as the coming four months are lean months even in prosperous times and considering the abnormal price of foodgrains in open market, may I request the Government to raise the rice content of the ration so that the people of that part may not be hard hit by the rise in prices? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" At present, we are supplying rice at the rate of 7 ounces and I do not think it is a small quantity. Even the Malabar people should get accustomed to different forms of diet, such as millet, rice, wheat or any other grain. It is not as though the Malabar people alone should get all the rice and all the other people should get other grains."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know what factors are taken into consideration in fixing the fair price? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This question has already been answered by the Chief Minister. The price should be fair to the Government and fair to the people."

Pattas for lands given to political sufferers.

* 224 *Q.*—Sri K. SHANMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the political sufferers of Nellore district are not yet given pattas for lands which they have been cultivating for more than three years?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have no information. But I gather that in some cases pattas have been issued and in some cases they have not been issued."

Sri K. SHANMUGAM :—" May I know why the political sufferers who have been given lands in Siddipuram, Kovur taluk, have not been given pattas so far? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If they have not been given they will be given in due course."

Sri P. VENKATASWAMI REDDI :—" In view of the fact that almost all the rich people have managed to get pattas already and only the poor people are remaining without these and in view of the fact that they have already spent a large sum of money over these lands to make them suitable for cultivation, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the question of assigning the lands treating them as landless poor and without demanding any market value from them? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The poor people also should adopt the tactics of the rich people if they want to get the pattas quickly." (Laughter.)